



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of Colorado experienced precipitation above average for this time of year. Temperatures across the state were lower than normal. Some areas experienced a frost mid-week, however, it is still too early to assess any damage to crops. Farmers had 5.5 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	10	86	4
Last Week	1	10	85	4
Last Year	2	24	70	4

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	7	91	2
Last Week	1	8	89	2
Last Year	7	28	59	6

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was 79 percent jointed, behind the 5-year average of 89 percent, and was rated in mostly good condition. The crop was 6 percent headed, compared with 26 percent for the average. Spring barley was 97 percent seeded by the end of the week, just behind the 5-year average. Eighty percent of the crop has emerged and is rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring wheat was 92 percent seeded at week's end, ahead of the 5-year average of 83 percent with 63 percent of the crop emerged. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition.

**Row Crops:** Farmers had 79 percent of the corn crop planted by week's end. This is ahead of last year's 60 percent complete and 68 percent for the 5-year average. Emergence was 6 percent complete compared with 21 percent on average. Dry Onions were 97 percent planted at week's end, behind the 5-year average of 98 percent with a condition rating of mostly good. Sorghum planting was 24 percent complete compared with 15 percent for the 5-year average.

Growers are near completion planting sugarbeets with 94 percent in the ground and 31 percent up to stand by the end of the week. Producers continued planting sunflowers and ended the week with 5 percent complete.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending May 16, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	0	3	18	59	20
Last Year	1	7	20	48	24
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	12	44	38	6
Last Year	0	0	18	46	36
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	9	48	39	4
Last Year	0	0	29	41	30

Summer potatoes are 57 percent planted compared with a 5-year average of 54 percent and 6 percent of the crop is emerged. Good progress was made in fall potato planting as 80 percent of the acreage was planted by week's end which is well ahead of last year and the 5-year average.

**Pasture, Range and Hay:** Pasture and range feed conditions remain in mostly good condition. Last year at this time they were rated mostly fair to good. Farmers started cutting alfalfa hay last week with 2 percent of the 1<sup>st</sup> cutting now complete.

**Livestock:** Ninety-seven percent of cows have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> while 98 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 16, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	1	4	21	62	12
Prev. Year - 2009	2	17	47	32	2
5-Year Avg.	9	18	38	30	5

## Spring 2010 Calving and Lambing

	2010	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	97	98
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	98	98

**COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**  
Development Ratings for Week Ending May 16, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	79	69	87	89
Headed	6	2	22	26
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	97	91	96	98
Emerged	80	63	74	72
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	92	78	85	83
Emerged	63	45	59	49
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	79	60	60	68
Emerged	6	2	21	21
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	24	17	8	15
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	5	3	8	8
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Planted	1	N/A	2	3
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	97	86	99	98
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	94	90	88	94
Up to Stand	31	19	33	30
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	57	40	44	54
Emerged	6	4	10	16
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Planted	80	50	61	55
Emerged	2	N/A	0	0
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	2	N/A	4	5

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
<b>Livestock</b>	0	1	13	78	8
<b>Corn</b>	0	10	35	54	1
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	0	27	60	13
<b>Alfalfa</b>	0	3	31	41	25
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	5	41	54	0

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.